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PLANS are afoot to merge Kingston Council with the body that buys in the borough's health services to create an overarching 'local health service'—with the eventual objective of turning the authority into policeman, job adviser, housing officer, benefits assessor and bin man.

But it currently faces distinct shortages of both cash and public trust.

Councillors were told at the recent 'state of the borough' debate that Kingston must make radical changes to how it serves residents in order "to be sustainable in a time of turbulent change".

Leader Kevin Davis is negotiating with Government to "legally and financially" join with Kingston clinical commissioning group (CCG), the GP-led body that took over responsibility from the old primary care trust in 2013.

The end-goal, according to an extensive briefing paper that cited David Cameron's former strategy adviser Steve Hilton, is to create "a single point of contact for all the public services across our borough".

It said: "Sharing services only goes so far and does not bring about the deep shift in customer contact that local people desire.

"Sharing services can actually make services more remote.

"Instead of the vertical integration of services with other councils we also need to see our borough work horizontally."

But a CCG spokesman was reluctant to use the word 'merger'. The body's chief officer, Tonia Michaelides, said: "By working in partnership with RBK and engaging with local people, particularly to deliver the Kingston Coordinated Care programme, our goal is to deliver a seamless patient experience across health and social care to empower people to stay happy, healthy, socially active and resilient.

"We will continue to build on our relationship with RBK and

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prepare for  
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control: Kevin  
Davis has  
campaigning  
for more  
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other partners across the borough to bring together social care, public health and clinical commissioning functions to meet local needs in the future.

"The two organisations are working together more closely on overlapping areas of health and social care and commissioning to improve collaborative working for the benefit of patients."

The coordinated care scheme is designed to promote a "streamlined" approach to patient care by aligning the work of the council, the CCG, Your Healthcare,

Kingston Hospital, South West London and St. George's mental health trust, charities, home care agencies and GPs.

The care integration is moving "at a pace" with back-office staff meeting bi-weekly, documents show.

Professor Catherine Staite, of Birmingham University, told the debate last Thursday night that while "we've almost stopped talking about austerity" there will be "no more money in the short term".

The old "paternalistic narra-

tive" of councils making decisions for other people must change to a new model of "co-producing" and focusing on developing trust in the local authority, she said.

Cllr Davis added that, alongside his three big worries of falling budgets, a rising population and improving communication with residents, he believed the council must find a way of promoting neighbourly cohesion and "start to put that community glue back together again".

But residents who attended the debate complained that the council's communication with them -

particularly during consultation processes in New Malden - was poor despite the Conservative administration's attempts to change that by introducing Kingston Conversations and the All in One survey.

Cllr Andrea Craig agreed more needed to be done while Cllr Paul Bedford said: "We're out there to talk but you're not coming forward."

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**BOOK DONORS:** Kingston residents are being encouraged to donate books to celebrate International Literacy Day, which was on September 8. READ International, the charity working to encourage people to dust off their bookshelves, works alongside resource management company Veolia to collect the unwanted books and send them to children in Tanzania. Visit [tinyurl.com/bookbanks](http://tinyurl.com/bookbanks) to find your nearest donation point.

**LOO LAMENTS:** More than two thirds of Kingston residents say bad bathroom habits would put them off living with a partner. The research, conducted by Recycle for London as part of Recycle Week 2016, also saw 61 per cent of Kingston respondents say not flushing the loo was the worse habit.

**DRIVER'S BAN:** A DRINK-DRIVER who was more than three times the alcohol limit when travelling in New Malden High Street on June 13 has been banned from driving for three-and-a-half years. Martyn Baker, 45, of King Henry's Road in Kingston, was ordered to pay costs of £170 and carry out 150 hours of unpaid work at Wimbledon Magistrates' Court last Monday. He was also fined £50 for using threatening or abusive words.

# Document says patients would be better served and money saved in fewer, but finer centres

## Hospitals could lose A&E if leaked plans to centralise service backed

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**SOUTH-WEST** London's hospitals are all failing to meet the capital's quality standards and could see key parts of their services cut and centralised, including A&E, cancer treatment and maternity, according to leaked documents.

A wide-ranging review of our region's NHS – the successor to the controversial Better Services, Better Value (BSBV) scheme – is aimed at removing acute care from at least one hospital by 2021 because of the need to cut costs and improve standards.

Acute care, which includes A&E, critical care, emergency surgery, maternity, paediatrics and stroke services, is currently delivered at Kingston, St George's, Epsom and St Helier and Croydon, but is "unsustainable" and being propped up by expensive agen-

cy staff, the South West London Collaborative Commissioning (SWLCC) team believes.

A draft sustainability and transformation plan (STP) leaked to *Health Service Journal* showed health leaders are considering centralising acute services in four or three places.

Cancer services currently provided at St George's, the Royal Marsden and Epsom and St Helier may be moved to one site if "demonstrably better outcomes" can be assured.

BSBV, which collapsed in 2014 amid public outcry, had spent three years and £8.2m arguing that the current system is too expensive and does not serve patients well enough.

At the same time hospitals and GP commissioning groups were scrambling to find some £500m savings to cope with treating an ageing population, buying new technology and revamping their estates.

A SWLCC spokesman said: "The draft is still being finalised. As the

needs of our population change, we need to develop services that keep people well and treat them as close to home as possible. To do this we need to transform services outside hospital, as well as considering how we provide even better care."

Kingston and Surbiton MP James Berry said: "The evidence shows better outcomes for patients when they are treated in centres of excellence. Kingston Hospital is a key part of south-west London's healthcare infrastructure and has had significant investment, so if there is a case for reconfiguring beds, there is a strong case for that happening elsewhere."

All five hospitals refused to comment on the leak, and referred the *Guardian* to SWLCC's press office.

But in June a spokeswoman for Kingston Hospital said: "There are no plans at the moment to cut acute beds at the hospital."

In July the Care Quality Commis-



Here we go again: Kingston Hospital

sion said Kingston's A&E was failing to meet patients' needs.

Dr Paul Hobday, leader of the National Health Action Party, said: "We already have a lack of mental health, public health and community provision. Our A&Es no longer have a mid-winter crisis, they have a year-round crisis."

"This dismantling emphasises out-of-hospital care using technology to replace face-to-face contact and moving people out of hospitals into community care. But funding for social care and public health have both been savagely cut."



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How it could look: An artist's impression of the Latchmere Prison development

## Former jail's new posh housing image

THESE are the first images of how the former Latchmere Prison will look once it is converted into 73 homes.

Developer Berkeley Homes has released an artist's impressions of the development of the former prison, which lies on the border of Kingston and Richmond, aiming to bring "Georgian and Victorian-inspired houses and apartments" to the area.

Developer Berkeley Homes

was finally granted planning permission to convert the former prison by a planning inspector in July last year, with Richmond Council having rejected the application for its lack of affordable housing.

Kingston councillors had approved the company's two proposed schemes, leading to a drawn-out battle between Richmond and the developer.

A total of 66 new builds on-site and seven apartments with-

in the converted and extended Latchmere House will be developed.

Richmond will have 42 homes and Kingston 31. A total of 12 affordable houses will be shared between the boroughs.

The developer's website claims the area "truly boasts an irresistible blend of sophisticated urban family living and the tranquillity of nature, all within easy reach of central London".

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Now it is time for the Comet to take another great step forward as the Kingston Guardian ceases publication this week.

From September 30 we will be publishing a new-look Comet, packed from the first page to the last with all the latest news, sport and leisure stories.

It will incorporate the Kingston Guardian. The new-look Comet will be distributed everywhere the old Guardian was, and will be available in all the usual outlets.

All the best elements of the Surrey Comet will continue as before, but we'll be adding more pages and delivering even more news to more people.

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# The team joined artist Grace Du Prez using 3Doodler pens to draw in air and create artwork

## Massive motor takes five students 800 hours in huge 3D print project

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A TEAM of talented and patient Kingston University students were part of a group that spent more than 800 hours creating the world's largest sculpture drawn entirely with 3D printer pens.

Product and furniture design student Karsan Haval and interior design undergraduates Luiza Darie-Vlasceanu, Femi Adedoyin, Ruby Asare-Brown and Yelitzelena Leonard joined 3D printing artist Grace Du Prez to craft the full-sized replica of a Nissan Qashqai.

The students drew the car with 3Doodler pens, which draw in the air by heating solid plastic to 230 degrees and forcing it through a small nozzle as it cools.

An amazing 13.8km of plastic strands made up the final model.

The team spent two weeks drawing the replica, while 58 real cars come off the Japanese firm's manufacturing



Finally finished: Karsan Haval examines the final model with artist Grace De Prez

line in just one hour.

Mr Haval, 23, said: "We started by drawing key areas of the car, adding contour lines to accentuate the profile of the vehicle and covering the whole car in masking tape to fill the gaps, creating panels.

"In the early stages it was difficult to imagine what the

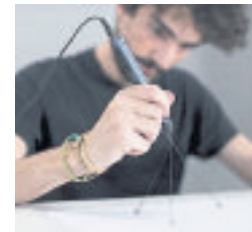
finished 'drawing' would look like, but once we started webbing the contour lines to fill the panels and connecting them together, it really started to take shape.

"Once we removed the panels we'd created away from the masking tape, we could really appreciate the separate strands of plastic that

capture the movement of the 3D pen.

"It took a lot of patience and concentration."

Miss Darie-Vlasceanu, 22, added: "It was amazing to see how each person interpreted the brief to draw their own designs, but to then bring it all together into this spider web of intricate patterns was



a really collaborative experience."

The final sculpture stretches more than four metres long and nearly two metres high, the same size as the actual vehicle – a feat Mr Haval thinks is testament to the progression of 3D art.

He said: "3D printing has really taken off in the last five years and will continue to grow and develop.

"It's now used in the medical world to help surgeons with procedures and has even sky-rocketed into space to assist astronauts. It's changing the face of art as we know it."

To see a video of the model being created visit [kingstonguardian.co.uk](http://kingstonguardian.co.uk)

## Dancing dream to become a reality



Dance: The costumes are the centrepiece of the crowd-funded performance

A CONTEMPORARY dance performance dreamed up by a Kingston University student is set to wow art lovers in Soho.

Fashion student Nigel Guérin-Garnett says he woke at exactly 3.44am one night and scribbled down a vivid dream.

After a crowdfunding campaign through GoFundMe.com raised £1,405, his dream is being

brought to life at the Vinyl Factory, Soho.

The MA show, titled LIVE, was made in conjunction with a recently graduated crop of students and the dance, on the eve of London fashion week, with focus around Mr Guérin-Garnett's bespoke costume pieces.

He said: "I started dancing at the age of six and it's such an odd

thing—you're not like an artist or a writer who can put the paintbrush or the pencil down, it's in you all the time.

"You dream in dance and you cannot separate yourself from it.

"I like that the course at Kingston University isn't just about making a collection too – it recognises that fashion needs an injection of something more."

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Government austerity cuts prompt wholesale changes in provision and administration

# Council considers outsourcing of housing services as it hikes rents

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KINGSTON Council is weighing up axing its entire housing services department and outsourcing the jobs to a private company because of funding cuts.

Councillors have also approved the beginning of the implementation of the government's Pay to Stay scheme, which will see rent rise for the borough's higher-earning council tenants.

Two options of how to meet the rising demand for housing have been put forward, including whether or not to outsource the department or make cuts, including reducing its staff and changing maintenance contracts.

Currently 140 people are employed in the department. Last year, Kingston Council ordered a full review of housing services, and planned to ask tenants to take on the management of estates in a community housing trust.

The scheme was scrapped because of government cuts, with £20,000 having already been spent on a related roadshow.

Cllr Cathy Roberts, cabinet member with responsibility for housing, said: "Changes are needed because, quite simply, the council has to deliver more with less money."

"This doesn't affect your home or rights as council tenants but potentially it will change how you

will interact with the service and who delivers the support you need from the service."

The change will not affect tenancies or leasehold agreements.

Last Tuesday, councillors also met at the Guildhall to agree the timescale for introducing the Pay to Stay scheme. Under the scheme, households with a combined income of more than £40,000 will pay up to 15 per cent extra rent, with the policy coming into effect in April next year.

Liberal Democrat councillors presented an amendment urging the council to write to the government to delay enforcing the Pay to Stay scheme. It was rejected by four votes to three.

Cllr Patricia Bamford said: "What will happen to residents who cannot afford these hikes – are they going to be forced to leave their home and community?"

The government hopes the money saved by councils by removing this subsidy will contribute to the government's £12 billion of welfare savings.

A consultation has been launched into the council's housing policy. Visit [kingston.gov.uk](http://kingston.gov.uk).

**STOP CROOKS:** Kingston residents will be offered tips on how to secure their homes against burglaries in the coming winter months. Kingston police chief inspector Gary Taylor will host the Beat the Burglar event at Kingston Quaker Centre, Fairfield East, on September 24. The session will run from 10am. For details, email [kingstonnhw@gmail.com](mailto:kingstonnhw@gmail.com).

**POST OFFICE:** The new Post Office is set to open in Motspur Park with longer opening hours. The office will open its doors in West Barnes Lane at 1pm on Friday, September 23. Opening hours are 9am to 7.30pm Monday to Saturday and 9.30am to 6.30pm on Sundays. The old office, also in West Barnes Lane, will close today at 5.30pm.

**LEGO THEFT:** A man from Surbiton has been given a seven-week suspended prison sentence for stealing Lego, a bottle, a magnet, a suitcase and two bottles of Gucci perfume in the presence of a nine-year-old child from the Bental Centre. Paul Edsall, 45, of Elmbridge Avenue, who has previous convictions for theft, was ordered to pay costs of £735 at Wimbledon Magistrates' Court on Monday.

**GOLD RIBBON:** Momentum children's charity is encouraging people to "go gold" in support of national Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. The gold ribbon is now the official symbol of childhood cancer. Visit [uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/gogold](http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/gogold).

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## Bus routes for the chop

SIX bus services that run through Kingston and Elmbridge are being axed by service provider Abellio for "commercial and operational reasons".

The soon-to-be cut services include the 436 Woking to Brooklands Sunday route, the 458 Kingston to Staines via Esher, the 514 Kingston to Addlestone, the 515 Kingston to Guildford via Cobham, the 555 Heathrow to Hersham and the 663 Walton to Esher High School routes.

The routes will cease from December 31.

Two further routes, the 461 from Kingston to Staines via Weybridge and the 564 from Whiteley Village to the Xcel Leisure Centre in Walton, will be partially withdrawn but the 459 Walton St Peter's Hospital route will stand in as a replacement.

A spokesman for Abellio said: "This decision has not been taken lightly. Although substantially downsizing our operation, it is designed to secure a sustainable future for Abellio Surrey."

Mike Goodman, cabinet member for environment and planning at Surrey County Council, said: "We tried to find a solution with Abellio but now our focus is on trying to make alternative arrangements to cover the services that have been affected."

Residents hold protest meeting in opposition to proposals for roundabout

## Roundabout fight 'not over' say Fountain campaigners

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CAMPAIGNERS have vowed to continue the fight to save New Malden's Fountain roundabout after councillors approved its demolition to make way for European-style cycle tracks.

Councillors met at the Guildhall on Wednesday night to approve the development of four new mini-Holland schemes, including renovations outside Kingston station, in Wheatfield Way, and between Surbiton and Kingston, plus the removal of the Fountain roundabout.

But campaigners opposing the scheme claimed councillors "don't understand" the roundabout's heritage.

While a fountain was built at the junction in 1894, it was removed in 1982 and replaced with a fibreglass version.

Councillors voted seven to six in favour of removing the roundabout and installing a crossroads, with the other



Miffed: Protesters demonstrate outside the Guildhall

three schemes also approved. Lynne Finnerty, of the New Malden Residents' Association, said: "It's disappointing. It would not surprise me if the decision was called in by residents."

"[They] are not against improving safety at that junction, the question was whether this particular scheme was the right one."

New Malden councillor Ken Smith said the plans were "a waste of money" and Mary Clark called for the pro-

ject to be scrapped. About 100 residents, bought together by the Malden Independent Community Organisation, also protested outside the Guildhall.

But New Malden councillor Terry Paton, who is leading the mini-Holland project, said: "As much as it's unpopular, for me it's the safety aspect. We always knew it was going to be a difficult thing to do. I think in the past people have shied away from it."

"We want to encourage more people to cycle and walk by providing better and safer cycle links, footways and crossings throughout the borough."

"Nothing has been rushed through."

Nearly 1,000 people told Kingston Council their view of the scheme. Of those, 48 per cent supported it and 46 per cent opposed it.

Kingston Council ran four consultations over summer into plans into the next stage of the Go Cycle project – the authority's name for its various schemes funded by the central mini-Holland pot.

Funding was secured from City Hall and Transport for London (TfL) in March 2014. The £33m project is designed to improve cycling facilities, road safety and public spaces. Tony Antonio, programme manager for mini-Holland, told the committee the Fountain needed to be removed as the roundabout "is one of the most dangerous junctions in the borough".

Cyclist Ben Parker, 43, of Rodney Road, said: "It's dangerous."

**THIEF JAILED:** A THIEF who stole three bikes from Esher, Cobham and Norbiton train stations worth up to £1,500 together has been jailed. Dean Saunders, 28, of Ingrave Street, Battersea, stole the bikes between August 4 and 8. He was given three 18-week jail terms, to run concurrently with another charge of assault and theft, at his sentencing on August 30 at Wimbledon Magistrates' Court.

**CHARITY CAKE:** Macmillan Cancer Support and Marks & Spencer Kingston are joining forces again in a bid to raise money for the charity's flagship fundraising event, World's Biggest Coffee Morning. The shop will host a coffee morning on Friday, September 30, and, for all of September, 10 per cent of cash from the sale of certain cakes will go to Macmillan.

**RIVERS EVENT** The Environment Agency will be on hand with its plans for new Thames flood relief channels at the Kingston Environment Centre on September 24. Chessington World of Adventures is planning a river leeches exhibition and an 'interactive dirty river'. The free event starts at noon and finishes at 4pm at 1 Kingston Road near Nando's and the Fountain Roundabout.

**DRIVER'S BAN:** A DRINK-DRIVER has been banned from driving for three years after being caught at the A3 Hook roundabout. Oliver Gwyther, 27, of New Kings Road, Chelsea was also fined £500 at Wimbledon Magistrates' Court on August 25.

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# Four-year-old Michael’s foot was broken in vehicle collision

## Child hit by a car given police bravery award

REPORTER  
**RACHEL DICKERSON**  
rachel.dickerson@london.newsquest.co.uk



Award: PC Gillett and PC Ogles with Frank and Michael Skelton

A BOY who broke his foot after being hit by a car has been given a bravery commendation by Kingston police.

Michael Skelton, four, had ended the summer holidays with a trip to Legoland in Windsor with his parents and twin brother Frank on August 31, when the family pulled into Chessington Parade to buy dinner from Mr Chips fish and chip takeaway.

Mum Vereena Skelton had gone inside the shop to buy the family’s dinner when Michael told her he needed the loo, and was taken back to the car, where his father Darren and brother were.

Mrs Skelton said: “He then told his daddy he wanted to go and see mummy. My husband said, ‘No, I’ll cross you over safely,’ but was seat-belted in the car so couldn’t get him. It was a recipe for disaster.

“That was when he was hit. The car wasn’t going very fast, probably about 10mph. At that

point he ran back to my husband crying and screaming and that was when I realised he was hit by a car.

“The back of his leg was purple and I felt instantly sick to my stomach.”

Police officers Steve Ogles and Amy Gillett happened to arrive on their patrol, where they took Michael into the police car to radio for an ambulance and treat the female driver of the car, who also had a her own three-year-old with her.

As an ambulance was not available to immediately treat Michael, the two PCs gained permission for a blue light route and drove him and his mother to hospital.

Mrs Skelton said: “On the way he suddenly became really quiet. PC Ogles asked him if he was OK and he said, ‘It hurts so much but I’m trying to be brave’.”

Michael was then treated overnight and given a cast for his leg, before the officers went to visit him at home to award him the Police Constable’s Bravery Commendation.



On Friday, September 30th, your Kingston Guardian will become part of the Surrey Comet. The Comet has been serving its readers since 1854 and will bring you even more local news, views, sport, and entertainment every Friday.



**REINCARNATION** is not something I have thought about but when someone offers to hypnotise you into revealing who you were in a former life you really have to take the opportunity.

Nicolas Aujula, 31, is a past-life regression therapist, astrologer and relationship guru. He can put people into a trance-like state where they can visit and converse with their former selves.

The idea is your past lives affect who you are today and exploring these can make you "let go" and be a better present-day person by understanding why you are the way you are.

Mr Aujula tells me as a child he used to have a lot of throat problems and trouble expressing his opinions.

He reveals: "When I was about 17 I got into meditation. I went into a trance and remembered my own past lives. I dropped everything to study hypnotherapy."

"The more I explored regression I realised my former lives were the reason I found it so hard to speak my mind when I was younger."

He was told many of his former selves had been persecuted for "speaking the truth".

Mr Aujula claims to have lived as a temple dancer, an Egyptian high-priestess and a pagan Eastern European gypsy forced into war.

Many of his "lives" had ended in beheadings or hanging, which he says explains the modern-day throat

Ever thought you have had former lives? Neither did RACHAEL BURFORD until she agreed to undergo 'regression therapy' with Nicolas Aujula

## Living in the past?

Reporter Rachael Burford with Nicolas Aujula

problems he suffers from.

I was sceptical but the idea I could blame my chronic lateness on being Italian royalty or a train franchise boss in a former life appealed.

**MR Aujula's hypnotisation chamber is not exactly a temple adorned with mystic paraphalia.**

It is a small, incense filled room in a New Malden terrace house.

There are a couple of

paintings and some hypnotherapy certificates – and just enough room for two chairs and a CD player.

He starts by telling me that there is a chance the hypnosis might not reveal anything.

Some people are apparently just not open-minded enough or do not want to see their past lives.

Mr Aujula puts me in a recliner chair, started some soothing music and then

begins the hypnotising.

This basically consisted of him speaking in a slow, relaxing voice repeating words and asking me to focus only on him and the music.

My limbs started to feel heavy as he spoke. Eventually I could not move my arms, legs or body.

It is hard to explain what happened next, I felt conscious but not really myself.

He asks me to imagine a path and a gate and then

*"I see a modest woman in late 19th century dress [but] cannot shake the feeling this is because I watched Downton Abbey the night before"*

some feet. My dreams of being Italian royalty quickly disappear. All I can 'see' is a modest woman in late 19th century dress.

It quickly becomes clear that I am probably some sort of domestic servant.

Some of the "visions" I am seeing are very clear.

But I cannot not shake the feeling this is because I watched a repeat of Downton Abbey the night before.

Mr Aujula says the woman will "guide me" to significant moments in her life that will reveal something about my present-day personality. I admit when he asks me what I am seeing and hearing, I embellish it a little bit: I feel like I am letting my regression therapist down by not being open minded enough.

Then I start getting a bit nervous that my past life is not interesting enough.

I can feel the hypnosis wearing off and my mind begins to wander...

**AFTER my experience I remain open-minded.**

Testimonials show how Mr Aujula has helped hundreds of people.

Patients have travelled from as far away as the US to visit his New Malden studio and he has even treated violent former prisoners who were left shaking after he revealed their past lives too them. Maybe I just do not have the attention span for it.

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### Mixed reaction to Sadiq Khan's "action plan" to help black cab trade amid Uber competition

How about teaching black cabbies that they need to get into the 21st century and that we will no longer accept their extortionate rates?

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Lobby TfL to reduce the rates so black cabs can compete. Banning the competition isn't in anyone's interests any more than it is in any other industry.

**PD06SW19**

Uber usually proves quicker and cheaper than cab ranks or the TaxiCard for local journeys. The only problem is that once a really good service wipes out the competition, it has you over a barrel. Just like Amazon.

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## Diabetes aid

MANY young people in London will be getting ready to start university this month. This is a big change and can be daunting – especially if you're living with a lifelong medical condition like type 1 diabetes.

As well as all the usual concerns about leaving home for the first time, making friends and starting your studies, young people with diabetes may have more.

It can seem overwhelming to stay in control of your blood glucose levels alongside a new university routine and lifestyle, tell new friends what might happen if you have a hypo, and think about the effects of drinking and stress on your condition.

But with the right preparation and support there is no reason why people living with diabetes can't live student life to the full.

Make sure you register at your local GP surgery or university health centre so that you will have access to healthcare professional advice when you need it.

Also, visit the Diabetes UK website where you will find lots of helpful tips, from how to store your insulin in a shared fridge, to dealing with the stress of studying and making sure your new friends are aware of your condition.

There are also some brilliant recipes for even the thriftiest of student budgets on [diabetes.org.uk/enjoyfood](http://diabetes.org.uk/enjoyfood).

**ROZ ROSENBLATT**  
Diabetes UK



Jenny Tarbutt sent in this photo of fishermen counting their catch on the Thames in Kingston. To see your photo in Borough View email it, with details of where you took it, to [rachel.dickerson@newsquest.co.uk](mailto:rachel.dickerson@newsquest.co.uk).

## Real travesty

WHILE some of the [mini-Holland] scheme has some merits if used properly by cyclists, the loss of some very large trees is very regrettable.

Regarding the loss of the New Malden Roundabout, which works reasonably well, and its replacement with a traffic lights, this is a real travesty when compared with what has actually happened in Holland. I am reliably informed that the Dutch are removing traffic light controls with the expectation

that drivers and other road users will take more care of each other and thus make driving more socially conscious.

As more of a village than a big city this is a much better option for New Malden.

**JEFF LAWRENCE**  
Via email

## Confusion

BEFORE the council dig up the Fountain roundabout for cyclists, perhaps they would make the cycleway in the Portsmouth Road safer for pedestrians and motorists.

The new zebra crossings extend from one pavement to the other with no refuge in the middle. I have witnessed confusion by both pedestrians and motorists as to who has right of way. More seriously, there are no carriage markings, ideally a solid white line to identify where the road goes. I very nearly had a head-on with a car. The driver, realising his error, said as he passed me, 'Sorry, I thought it was a dual carriageway.' I'm all for making roads safer for cyclists, but don't forget the rest of us too!

**JOHN TUTHILL**  
Via email

# Reasons to keep roundabout

I SEE Cllr Terry Paton says removal of the Fountain roundabout is all about safety.

We would all like roads to be safer but is it safer for pedestrians to share with cyclists? Mothers with buggies and older people would question this.

Is it safer to increase congestion and expect people to wait longer to cross the road?

They will start to dodge across, especially teenagers coming out of school.

Are crossroads safer at very low traffic density when drivers in a hurry jump the lights?

All these are reasons for keeping the roundabout but making some minor changes such as putting a pelican crossing over the London Road to improve safety.

Kingston Council's own figures state that the delay for cars crossing the junction will increase by up to three minutes at peak times.

One can only imagine what the queues will be like up New Malden High Street.

They could reach Christ Church and in the morning even stretch back to the A3.

Cllr Paton is right when he says something needs to be done to reduce congestion, but replacing a roundabout with traffic lights will only make matters worse.

This is the real reason residents are protesting.

At the [residents committee] meeting councillors were also told that Transport for London will withdraw all funding for all Go Cycle projects unless they approved all four.

Hence the vote, but six members of the committee simply did not believe TfL would be so

inflexible and were willing to support residents' wishes.

**DAVID STEVENS**  
New Malden



## Hallelujah for Alexandra, a polite, pint-sized pop princess

Editor Andrew Parkes has a number of thoughts every week, here

**5 THOUGHTS OF THE WEEK...**

1. The whole world has gone coffee mad. Now, I'm no fan of tea, so I'm glad the nation's favourite cuppa has shifted. But I pulled into a service station and found it had FOUR branches of Starbucks on one site. And one was a drive-thru!

2. Waiting to be served a carton of coffee a very rude gentleman pushed me aside and stepped forward. Then, almost immediately a small, pretty black woman with a

large nose was incredibly apologetic for his behaviour. The next 30 seconds rude man and nice lady took a series of selfies. The barista was amazed I hadn't heard of Alexandra Burke – who?

3. My mutt seems to be surviving fairly well despite my alleged 'poor ownership'. Finally, it's big enough to take out for a walk which is great.

Yesterday I spotted this, not produced by my hound – I thought white dog poo was a thing from yesteryear.

4. This week someone called Ellie Adams reported me to the police for publishing fantastic pictures of children enjoying their first day at school. Showing pictures of children at school, she says is 'idiotic' and parents 'have



enough trouble protecting children from the horrors of the world'. Ellie seems to have lost touch with reality.

5. And finally, have you noticed how mobile phones have become an excuse to be late? How did we manage without them?

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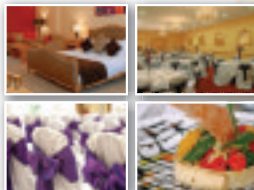
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Firm claims service back on track as full timetable to return

# Southern says 'sorry' to its rail passengers

REPORTER

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NEARLY one in 10 trains were cancelled or severely delayed over a three-month period on rail networks run by the operator of the troubled Southern franchise, according to new figures.

Data from the Office of Rail and Road (ORR) showed 9.3 per cent of passenger services operated by Govia Thameslink Railway (GTR) in April to June this year were either cancelled or more than 30 minutes late.

GTR, which also runs the Thameslink, Gatwick Express and Great Northern franchises, was the worst-performing rail operator for the period.

The figure was also the highest recorded for the group since records began in 2004.

The period coincided with weeks of disruption as a result

of a high level of staff sickness and industrial action over changes to the role of conductors.

The dispute remains totally deadlocked.

The ORR figures show the proportion of cancelled or delayed trains jumped by 72 per cent compared with January to March 2016, when the number of late or cancelled services was 5.4 per cent.

Virgin East Coast services were the second most disrupted, with 6.5 per cent of trains either cancelled or severely delayed.

Overall, the rolling annual average to June this year is, at 3.3 per cent, the highest since 2004-05.

A GTR spokesman said: "We fully recognise that these figures are unacceptable and we apologise to our passengers for this."

"The period coincided with the beginning of the RMT dispute over our plans to improve

customer service on board our trains and throughout the period, we experienced unprecedented levels of sickness amongst our conductors and a reluctance by train crew to work overtime and rest days.

"Because of the uncertain nature of train crew availability, we were being forced to cancel trains on an ad-hoc basis, which seriously compromised our ability to run a robust train service on a day-to-day basis."

"On July 11, we introduced a temporary revised timetable which, although it had fewer trains, gave our passengers a much greater degree of certainty as to which trains were running, and enabled them to plan their journeys with more confidence."

"Since then, on September 5, we took the first step to returning to the full timetable with the reintroduction of 119 trains. The remainder will be restored over the coming weeks."

The Southern rail franchise is under pressure to improve



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Niall Smith, Headteacher of Southborough High School talks about the school's great progress...

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Here's how:  
Firstly, our exam results: last year, 63% of our students achieved 5A\*-C grades, (including English and Maths); while 36% of students achieved the English Baccalaureate, well above the national and local

average. At A Level, 67% of our grades were A\*-C: a great platform for university applications.

Secondly, our Ofsted report: in December 2013, Southborough High School was rated as "Good", with a particular highlight being: "Students show a pride in their school through their smart appearance and the way that they behave moving to and from their lessons.

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I will be speaking at 6.45 pm and 8.00 pm. Also, don't miss our tours of the school on 7th 10th, 11th and 12th October.

I look forward to meeting you.

Niall Smith MA (Cantab)  
Headteacher

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Approximately 35% of our

Sixth Form students are new to the School, and Tiffin strongly encourages, and welcomes, applications for Sixth Form places from boys who will achieve good GCSEs.

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September 2017 entry

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There will be a talk about the Sixth Form at 6.00pm and afterwards potential sixth formers and their parents will be able to listen to subject talks for different A levels. Please see the website for the programme for the evening.

Approximately 35% of our Sixth Form students are new to the School, and Tiffin welcomes applicants for Sixth Form places from boys who will achieve good GCSEs. Application forms are available from the website.

*There is no parking available on site; please use town centre car parks or public transport. Access to school is only by the pedestrian entrance at the corner of Birkenhead Avenue and Queen Elizabeth Road.*

## ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE



This year Wimbledon College celebrates 125 years of providing an excellent all round education for boys in South West London.

Striving for excellence in everything the boys do and sharing their talents for the benefit of others are central to the school's Jesuit ethos.

Sporting successes last year included winning the U13 National Schools Sevens Competition and the U15 Surrey Schools Football Cup. Music also featured strongly with a

joint performance of West Side Story with pupils from the Ursuline High School.

Exam results continue to reflect the progress that boys make academically at the College both at GCSE and at A Level. The majority have gone on to university, with two boys taking up places at Oxford and Cambridge.

At GCSE there were exceptional individual achievements alongside an overall increase in results, with 80% achieving

A\*-C in English and 81% in Mathematics.

Head Master, Adrian Laing, said: "It is pleasing to see the boys making good progress academically and we have high expectations for the coming year."

"The school has strong links with its former students and we are celebrating the success of one of them, Toby Gold, who won a silver medal at the Rio Paralympics. It is a great way to start our anniversary celebrations."



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The Head Master will give a number of talks during the evening. Tours will take place throughout the evening. Last tours at 7.30pm.

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"But life at Halliford is so much more than exam results."

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### SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

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### OPEN DAYS

Thursday 10th and Tuesday 15th November  
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# GRAND DESIGNS

Sophia shortlisted for National Coding Award – BAFTA Young Game Designer Competition 2016...

The British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) is an independent charity that promotes multimedia art forms and rewards excellence. In addition, BAFTA has a year-round, international programme involving lecturing, mentoring and games designing called the Young Game Designer Award (YGD).

Earlier this year an A2-sized poster for the YGD annual competition was placed outside the computer lab amongst the other ICT news. Kingston Grammar School student, Sophia Snow, found it of interest, was brave enough to enter independently and played around with developing an original design in her spare time.

For her final submission, Sophia created an interactive art game called QuirkArt in which users interfere with a pen line on

the computer using the keyboard to create unique works of art, all made using Scratch Version 2.

Sophia's code is visibly logical, progressive and elegant, features much desired in the programming industry.

It was, therefore, no surprise to learn in early July 2016 that she had been shortlisted and was

invited to the final to be held at the BAFTA HQ in London. It turned out that Sophia was the youngest entrant and the only female in her category, Gaming Making (10-14); this in itself is a high achievement. Although Sophia did not win, being shortlisted in a competition of this standard is a huge achievement. She says it was a rewarding experience that

has broadened her interest and increased her confidence in what she does. Sophia is a shining example of what self-motivation, knowledge and clarity of thinking can create. She has also proved coding that is not just for boys. Coding is a significant skill that can provide potentially thrilling future opportunities.



Arrange your visit this term, bookings for Group Tours now being taken:

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## James and the Giant Peach



# THIS WEEK'S REASONS TO GO OUT

**MUSIC – Paul Young's Los Pacaminos at the Half Moon, Putney, on Thursday (September 22):** Tex-Mex sounds from the States come to south west London courtesy of 80s icon Paul Young and his band of old pros. Tickets cost £16 in advance or £18 on the door. Go to [halfmoon.co.uk](http://halfmoon.co.uk)

**THEATRE – Psychic Sally – Call Me Psychic at Epsom Playhouse on Thursday (September 22):**

The popular and sometimes

controversial psychic, well-known for her TV work, brings her latest show to Epsom. Tickets cost £25. Go to [epsomplayhouse.co.uk](http://epsomplayhouse.co.uk)

**MUSIC – The Haywood Sisters at New Wimbledon Studio Theatre on Saturday:** The close harmony trio, inspired by the likes of The Ronettes, perform retro versions of modern girl group hits and are launching their new album *Adventress* with the help of a four-piece band. Tickets cost £15.40. Go to [atg-tickets.com/Wimbledon](http://atg-tickets.com/Wimbledon)

**FAMILY – Autumn Arts Weekend: Celebrating Roald Dahl at the Piazza, Wimbledon, from 11am to 6pm on Saturday and Sunday:** Celebrate the great children's author's centenary with themed arts and crafts including creating your own book titles and covers and screen printing. Characters from James and the Giant Peach will be there for photos, tell short stories and hold sing-a-longs. Go to [lovewimbledon.org](http://lovewimbledon.org) for further information.

**FESTIVAL – Wildflowers at Hobble-down adventure park from 3pm to 7pm on Saturday:** Bring the summer to an end with the mini festival of sound and colour featuring house music from DJ Konal, paint throwing, a foam party, Funky Moves dance company, barbecue, bar and chill-out area. Tickets cost £15 adults, £13 children. Under twos go free. Tickets do not include entry to hobbledown. Go to [hobbledown.com](http://hobbledown.com) or call 01708 385096 for more information.

# What's on



# PARTY PEOPLE

JIM PALMER looks ahead to Tootopia, a weekend of festivities featuring food, arts, crafts, music and other events...

Tooting will be stuffed with food, drink, kids' activities and many more delights besides as Tootopia, the three-day celebration of the town returns this weekend.

The large-scale weekend shindig from Friday, September 23, to Sunday, September 25, is set to turn the whole town into a party. Here is what you can expect.

**STREETFOOD TAKEOVER:** Lovers of good street food will

be heartened by the streetfood takeover at Graveney and Meadow featuring bands and DJs playing until sunset and food from around the world including Gyoza Guys, La Bao, Souvlaki Bros and Salvador Lane Barbecue.

**FOOD AND DRINK TRAILS:** Eating and drinking in one place can get boring, right? Tootopia's Foodie Trail will take you around ten dining hotspots in the town, including meatball-specialist

newbies Belpassi Bros.

**A THIRST QUEST TOUR:** encompasses Tooting's best-loved juice bars, bottle shops and breweries with stop-offs including Craft Tooting at Broadway Market, cider-den Pilango and pubs The Selkirk and The Antelope.

**TOOTOPIAKIDS:** A full programme of family entertainment over the weekend includes fun at Playzone, crafts at Love Art and creative food

larks at Harry's Chocolate Emporium. There will be a Storytelling circle at Graveney and Meadow and a children's cinema at Tooting Market showing *Finding Nemo* and *Pokemon*.

**HANDMADE FAIR:** Crafters, makers and designers will be selling their wares, including local postcard prints and vintage goodies from Ra Ra Bazaar.

**MUSIC:** Tooting Tram and Social will host bands such as

Tourists, DJ 70EL, Silent Crowd, Zach Said and Luke May. On the Sunday, it will host the first-ever Tram Music Quiz and Retro Sundays, where you can play 90s video games.

**HISTORY:** There will be a rare chance to explore the country's only Grade I listed cinema, Granada Tooting, which is now a Gala Bingo. There will also be the unveiling of the blue plaque to commemorate the Second World War's youngest

soldier, Tooting's Sid Lewis.

**SOMETHING A BIT DIFFERENT:** For anyone on the look-out for something unusual or quirky then you'll be in your element at Tootopia. There's Bowie Bowling at The Antelope, which is also launching its new Craft Beer Bar, a silent auction, a dog show, a pop-up barbershop, comedy, virtual reality brewery tours and a 90s party at Tooting Market.

Go to [tootopia.co.uk](http://tootopia.co.uk).





**Belmont's, Wallington.**  
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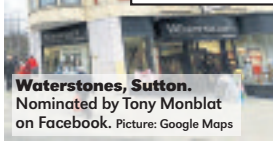
**Giro Cycles, Esher.**  
Minum's Jim on Twitter said: "Not bad grub either." Picture: Google Maps



**Gail's Bakery, Wimbledon.**  
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## COFFEEBREAK

Flat white, latte or cappuccino, it doesn't matter what's your choice we all know a good coffee is a thing of beauty. We asked you via our social media - @JimNewsShopper on Twitter/ What's On South London on Facebook - where to get the best coffee in south London. These are the cafes, restaurants and roasters you told us you love...



**Waterstones, Sutton.**  
Nominated by Tony Monblat on Facebook. Picture: Google Maps



**The Usual Place, Belmont.**  
Enda Alatlí Páiser on Facebook said: "I challenge anyone who says otherwise!" Picture: Google Maps



**The Foley, Claygate.**  
Nominated by Jane Brazil on Facebook. Picture: Google Maps



**Flavours, Warlingham.**  
Nominated by Charlotte Oakley on Facebook. Picture: Google Maps



**Woof Coffee in Teddington.**  
Laura Ball on Twitter said: "No contest!"



**Sassis Coffee Shop, Carshalton.**  
Nominated by Surprising Sutton on Twitter

# TONY'S NOVELTWIST

An author and former journo's saucy crime thriller has been put forward for a major US award.

Tony Flood's Triple Tease could be in line for the Eric Hoffer Award, which is named after the American philosopher and given to exceptional books published by small, academic and independent press.

Acclaimed by critics and fellow authors, including bestselling crime writer Peter James, the twisting novel is about a woman who acts as bait in a honey trap to catch a serial killer in order to persuade a policeman to ignore

her own bad behaviour.

Former Coronation Street actor Brian Capron, who played the killer Richard Hillman on the soap, has already expressed an interest in starring in an adaptation and described it as 'a riveting tale, brimful with thrilling twists and sensual sex'.

Flood lived in Bromley while working on our papers in south London.

He is best known for his book My Life With the Stars which includes revelations about Elvis, Muhammad Ali and other big names.



He said: "It's great that my books have impressed the critics in both America and Britain."

"My crime thriller has been tipped to become a TV series."

"I have also included some sex scenes because they are important to the story and the characters in it."

**For further information visit**  
**celebritiesconfessions.com**

Readers can save £5 by buying signed copies of Triple Tease at a discounted price of £7.99, including postage and package, by sending cheques, made payable to Sportsworld Communications, to Special Offer, 24 Brisbane Quay, Eastbourne, BN23 5PD.

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# HIT THE FINE ART TRAIL

Artists across Merton will throw open their homes and studios once again this weekend to give people a glimpse of their creativity.

Paintings, prints, ceramics and glass will be showcased over as the second weekend of the Merton Arts Festival which kicked off last Saturday. Led by sculptor Ben Nicolas (pictured), the festival takes up from the successful Merton Arts Trail which ran for five years.

More than 60 artists are taking part at more than 30 venues, with group exhibitions around the Lost and Found theme taking place at Merton Arts Space (11am to 5pm, until Saturday), The Sultan (until Sunday) and the Craft Gallery at Merton Abbey Mills (until Sunday, 10.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday and 10am to 5pm weekends).

Fold-out maps with the artists locations are available from libraries, art shops, framers and cafes. **Go to mertonartsfestival.org**



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Two of London's leading fitness pioneers have joined forces to form new kind of 'active entertainment' company in the capital.

Jessica Zoo, the founder of Zoo Fever cheerleading and the inventor of Cheerobics, has teamed up with long-time friend Craig Addison, who in Zumba Riot runs London's biggest Zumba network, to create Zoo Riot.

Jessica told us: "The company is now an active entertainment company so we provide both entertainment and activity."

"Our classes are always going to be like a party, our parties are always going to have some kind of active involvement – so dance performance or workshops."

Having launched in central London on Monday (September 12), Zoo Riot is initially offering fitness classes, such as Zumba and hip hop dance, at four locations in town and plans to organise pop-up events and activities at parties, team building workshops, weddings and the like.

It made perfect sense for the two fitness fanatics to partner up, Jessica told us. She said: "He has this passion to make people feel like they are doing something fun and they are not just turning up and doing a fitness class."

"He is good at fitness classes, having a strong network and doing the logistics. I'm very good at the events side and the

# FITNESS CHEERS

marketing. We have this vision that activity should be entertaining and entertainment should be active so it made sense for us to come together."

Both Craig and Jessica, who have been friends for seven years, are continuing to run their other projects and incorporating them into Zoo Riot.

Craig started Zumba Riot in 2011 and watched it grow across London. Cheerleading instructor Jessica formed dance group Zoo in

2007, which became one of the top cheerleading groups in the UK and in demand by the likes of Manchester City, Sky Sports and the NFL.

She opened Richmond Dance studio in 2008 and added Cheerobics fitness classes as an accessible, fun way to get fit. Since then it has boomed all over the world.

Jessica said:

"When I was in Richmond I started Cheerobics at the dance school, because I am a cheerleading coach more than anything else. It really took off."

"I was looking at Zumba and there wasn't anything for cheerleading. We now have hundreds and hundreds of instructors."

Cheerleading, she said, is the ideal basis for a fitness class. She said:

"Cheerobics is a stepping stone to cheerleading. It is for those that always wanted to be a cheerleader."

With elements of gymnastics – such as tumbling and acrobatics – as well as dance, Jessica said cheerleading is a discipline which 'helps developing muscle tone'.

She added: "It is a fun version of a bootcamp, but with pom-poms and music."

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A play shining a light on young black men's deaths in police custody needs funding so it can spread its message across the country.

South London performer Urban Hayo has created Custody with veteran writer Tom Wainwright. The play is a fictional narrative about a young black man whose life is taken from him at the hands of the police and his family's struggle for justice. Hayo is one of four performers in Custody, all of whom are black or mixed race, as is award-winning director Gbemisola Ikumelo.

He said: "Black lives matter is not only an American issue. Police brutality against the black community has a long history in the UK."

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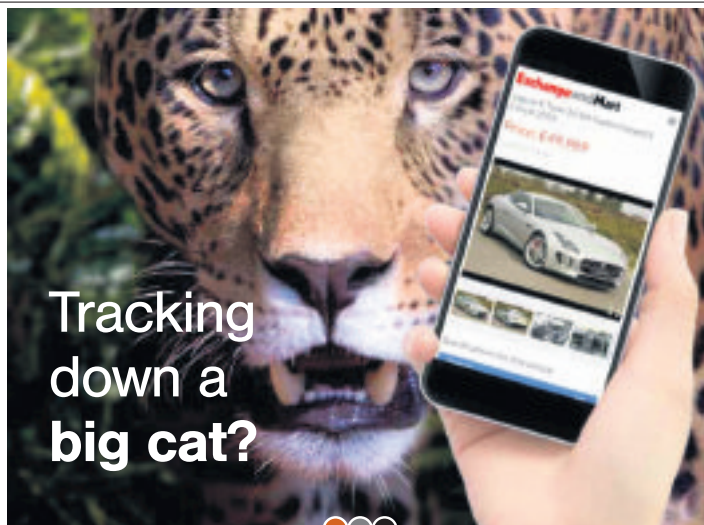
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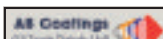
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**The Volkswagen e-up! is an electric version of the up! city car. Jonathan Crouch takes a look at Volkswagen's entry into a rapidly burgeoning sector.**

**BACKGROUND:** The Volkswagen e-up! is an electric version of the popular up! city car and has a range of around 93 miles. For this lightly revised version, our comments remain as before. Namely, that for a first stab at an EV, it's extremely good but there are still nagging doubts as to how it can justify itself on the balance sheet against a more prosaic petrol-powered up!

**DRIVING EXPERIENCE:** It's not just in comedy where timing is key. Choosing when to launch a new type of car is another area where getting it just slightly wrong can be disastrous. Take all-electric cars. Nissan and Renault jumped in too early with this genre, launching battery-powered models back in 2011 and 2012, a period when the market wasn't quite ready for them. Volkswagen, in contrast, sat back and waited a little, then in 2014, brought us all-electric versions of its Golf family hatch and, shortly afterwards, the little up! citycar.

It's the up! we look at here, now lightly revised but under the skin little changed from the way we saw

it in its original form. Shall we get the jokes about it being trialled first in Yorkshire out of the way good and early? Having done that, we can concentrate on the fact that this early to-in-the-water by Volkswagen in the EV sector is a very thoroughly developed product. But can it justify what necessarily has to be a very high price?

**DESIGN:** The Volkswagen up! actually makes a great basis for an electric vehicle. The powerplant creates an equivalent of 82PS and 210NM of torque and sits low in the engine, drawing from the 18.7kWh lithium ion battery pack that weighs 230kg and is sited under the floor area. This has benefits and drawbacks. The plus side is that the centre of gravity is good and low, something you'll feel when tipping the Up into a corner. The downside is that whereas an entry-level petrol-powered Up weighs around 929kg, this electrically-powered version tips the scales at a chunky 1139kg. The sheer amount of torque available masks this fact quite well though, and the car steps off the line briskly, making 37mph from rest in 4.9s. Acceleration does tail off markedly above 45mph or so which results in a sprint to 62mph of 12.4 seconds. Given that this car's going to spend most of its time in urban areas, that's not really a pressing



concern.

As well as a standard driving mode, the e-up! has two economy profiles as standard: 'Eco' and 'Eco+'. 'Eco' cuts the vehicle's peak power to 50kW, reduces the output of the air conditioning system and modifies the throttle response. 'Eco+' limits maximum power to 40 kW, further modifies

the throttle response and disables the air conditioning. On top of these different operating modes, the range of the e-up! can be greatly influenced by regenerative braking. There are five modes available: D, D1, D2, D3 and B. In D, the vehicle coasts when the accelerator is lifted. In each of the next levels, lifting off the throttle

pedal provides an increased level of regenerative braking. In D2, D3 and B, the brake lights are automatically activated when the driver's foot is lifted from the throttle pedal.

**COST:** You'll pay around £21,000 for this car after subtraction of the generous £4,500 government grant for plug-in cars.

That's up to £3,000 or so more than you'd pay for an example of Renault's slightly larger ZOE pure electric car with 3 years worth of battery lease included but it's significantly less than comparably-sized electric cars from Citroen, Peugeot and Mitsubishi. You'll want to allow a little extra for the optional wall box for home garage use.



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available in addition to all other SEAT UK offers, which means car buyers can do more than just benefit from a £500 (including VAT) contribution towards the purchase of a new SEAT - they can also take advantage of some tempting finance offers, such as 0% APR representative finance, or, competitively priced Solutions (PCP) finance packages. There are some seriously tempting offers available. Among them is up to £3,160 off the SE version of SEAT's iconic Ibiza supermini. Costing from £8,995 in SC (Sport Coupé) guise, instead of £13,155, it comes with a peppy 1.0 75PS engine, 15-inch 'ibiza' alloy wheels, plus, air conditioning, DAB digital radio and Bluetooth.

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The Leon SE Dynamic comes with 17-inch 'Dynamic' alloy wheels, dark tinted glass, Tech Pack (satellite navigation, full LED headlights, Bluetooth and DAB digital radio). 'The Beautifully Created Summer Test Drive Event' also includes the All-New SEAT Ateca launched on the 9th September.

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## Kingstonian's struggles continue

KINGSTONIAN'S below par start to the season continued on Monday night with a 2-1 defeat to Bognor Regis Town at Kingsmeadow. The visitors were already 2-0 ahead before Pelayo Pico-Gomez, pictured right, halved the deficit from the penalty spot with 10 minutes left.

There was to be no equaliser, and, ahead of Tuesday night's fixtures, Ks are 16th, just two points above the fledgling Ryman Premier Division dropzone. Kingstonian go to Canvey Island this weekend, looking for a third win in nine league outings.



Unhappy: David Weir

## Weir signs off with veiled dig

DAVID Weir's Paralympic career ended on a sour note on Sunday when he signed off by accusing British Athletics of stabbing him in the back, writes Tim Ashton.

The 37-year-old was in Rio to defend three titles won at London 2012, but a crash ended his marathon defence prematurely and saw him come home empty handed.

Weir, whose Weir Archer Academy is based at Kingsmeadow, also failed to defend his 1,500m and 800m titles, and he says he will retire completely after the 2017 London marathon.

Sunday's marathon was eventually won by Switzerland's Marcel Hug in one hour 26 minutes 16 seconds after Weir crashed out on 5km.

After he said: "It's an individual sport and I realise that now," he said. "I've always praised every British athlete that puts on a British vest. I just feel like I've been stabbed in the back."

"We need to click as a team. I know it's an individual sport, but there can be no big egos in the team."

He added: "Maybe this was a Paralympics too much."

Tammi Grey-Thompson, who was working for the BBC in Rio, said: "David's talked through the week how he's not happy in Rio."

"He's said it's not to do with training and it's not to do with his family."

"It sounds like the [athletes] village set-up wasn't what he wanted. He talks about feeling isolated. He's mature, he's used to doing stuff on his own. As an ex-athlete it's really hard to hear him say he feels 'stabbed in the back'."



**HOCKEY:** Surbiton skipper will use disappointment as new driving force

## Haycroft targets Tokyo

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SURBITON hockey club skipper Sarah Haycroft was back in action in the WHL Premier Division last weekend, and maybe she has something to prove.

Despite leading Surbiton to three consecutive domestic league titles, Haycroft was left out of the Team GB hockey squad that won Olympic gold in Rio last month.

Surbiton opened their new domestic campaign with goals from Jo Hunter and Robyn Collins securing a 2-2 draw at Holcombe.

Haycroft was part of the team that won bronze at London 2012, exacerbating her disappointment this time round.

However, the 25-year-old was still immensely proud of her compatriots' achievement.

She said: "I am still extremely disappointed that I didn't make the final 16 that represented GB and won an Olympic gold."

"It has been, along with the GB programme, the toughest experience of my life, but it has only made me hungrier to carry on."

"I want to become a better hockey player, make the team for Tokyo and help the team defend their title and make it double Olympic champions."

She added: "There are 31 of us who train full time to



Driven: Surbiton skipper Sarah Haycroft will use the disappointment at missing out on Rio to drive her to bigger and better times at Tokyo in 2020

achieve our dreams of winning Olympic gold.

"Having witnessed and been through every training session and every meeting, I know how much hard work and dedication it takes to become an Olympic champion and I am so proud that the girls made all of those sessions, hard work, and many tears pay off."

"I am proud of all 31 of us because it is the culture and training environment we have created that has pro-

duced an Olympic gold winning team."

Surbiton ladies host University of Birmingham, who started their campaign with a 4-1 win over Bowdon High-town, this weekend.

The men kicked off their MHL Premier Division season in losing fashion going down 3-2 at Holcombe.

Goals from Nicholas Parkes, right, and Morgan Males were not enough for Surbiton, who host Hampstead & Westminster this weekend.



Golden girls: Team GB's women's hockey team beat the Netherlands to win Olympic gold

Picture: Frank Uijenbroek

## SPORTSbrief



**FOOTBALL:** Corinthian Casuals' Jordan Clarke, pictured, Kevant Serbony, Josh Uzun and Julian Spencer got the goals that saw off Chipstead 4-1 on Saturday. The Casuals were lying third in the Ryman Division South table going into Tuesday night's trip to East Grinstead Town, and they host Ramsgate on Saturday.

**RUGBY UNION:** Old Emanuel are still waiting to record a first win of the Surrey One season after a 9-3 defeat at home to Old Wimbledonians last weekend. The result, on the back of an opening day draw with Purley John Fisher, leaves Old Emanuel sixth in the table ahead of this weekend's trip to Old Amplefordians. In Surrey Two, Kingston kick off their campaign this weekend when Streatham-Croydon are the visitors to Hook Road.

**PARKRUN:** Tourist John McDonnell beat the home crowd on Saturday to break the Bushy Park tape in 15 minutes 30 seconds. The Luton AC runner beat Hercules Wimbledon's Jonathan Cornish (16:02) into second place. The women's race was won by Ava White of Thames Valley Harriers in 19:24. Elsewhere, Stragglers boasted four fastest names over the weekend thanks to Simon Ford (Reigate Priory, 18:24), Sarah Winter (Tooting Common, 18:55), Robert Wilcox (Crane Park, 18:27) and Maddie Garner (Kingston, 20:23).

**END STORY:** This edition of the Kingston Guardian is the last to be published as the title is being merged with the Surrey Comet from next week. The sports team would like to thank all those who have contributed in some way to the excellent coverage we have brought readers over the years, without which much would not have been possible. Thank you.



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